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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application.

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In the response sent 1/23/01, the application is still confusing. The postcard receipt states that the specification submitted contained 238 pages, and there were 56 total claims submitted. According to the response, there were 238 specification pages, with 58 claims. In the file at present, prior to entering claims 53-55, there are 238 pages, and 55 claims. The missing pages are not mixed in with the file, which is why the previous PTOL 90 was sent. It is the opinion of the examiner that the easiest solution is for the original submission to be 238 specification pages and 56 claims, and for claims 57 and 58 to be sent in as a preamendment. In other words, amended sheets 26 and 27 should be removed and specification pages 236 and 237 should be added.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply a proper amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne E. McDowell whose telephone number is (703) 305-4018. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jan Silbaugh, can be reached at (703) 308-3829. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7718.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0651.

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